

## George Kirkham by Sarah Wrigley Kirkham

He played the bass horn in the Lehi Brass Band and the bass fiddle in the Kirkham Band. He could play the piano, violin, guitar, banjo and most of the wind instruments. He gave his son William, lessons on the banjo, and William became noted for his playing, acquiring the title of "Banjo King". His whole soul was wrapped in music and melody.

In the early days of Lehi, The Kirkham Brother's Orchestra, (the four brothers), furnished the dance music for years. Not only did they play in Lehi and the neighboring towns, but traveled with horse and buggy to the towns of Salt Lake County and the mining camps to play for dances.

He took great delight in singing in the church choirs. In 1893 he was chosen to go with the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir, to sing at the World's Fair at Chicago, which to him was the great event of his life. The Salt Lake Choir took second place at the time. A few years after his return from Chicago, he took his two little daughters, Leah and Maude on a lecturing tour down to St. George, giving his lectures on the experiences of the Choir. This with songs and music, he and the two little girls made an evening program that was greatly appreciated.